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For:

SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE WITH SPOT-SIZE

CONVERTER AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE

SAME

## **REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Sir:

This is in Reply to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time is included.

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**AMENDMENT** 

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 4-8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please add new claims 16-42 as follows:

--16. A semiçonductor laser device with a spot-size converter

comprising:

a semiconductor substrate;